

I think that the decision by the Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. to force its 62 affiliate stations to air an anti-Kerry program is tantamount to free political advertisement worth many millions of dollars. It is obvious just by the title, "Stolen Honor", and further by those associated with the program, swift boat vets., etc., that this is a smear campaign against the democratic presidential candidate. Despite the owner's contention that offering John Kerry the opportunity to be pilloried by their "unbiased" panel of questioners is fair and balanced, it would obviously be heavily biased.

If the FCC is to have any credibility, it should enforce fairness across the board. How would it react if Sinclair or its equivalent were to be broadcasting Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 911 for free, pre-empting regular programming, just prior to the election. Well, what about it chairman Powell?